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we have received inquiries from other chapters in regard to our plan, and I take great pleasure in answering them through the medium of our National organ. It may prove helpful to others.

Ever since the first number of men began active work in the field the Chapter has received letters from them, suggesting that some scheme be adopted whereby alumni members could help the Fraternity financially. Believing that the opportunity was at hand, the active members of the Chapter submitted to the alumni the following proposed amendment to the by-laws.

"The regular yearly dues for each member in the field shall be \$2.00, payable in two installments of \$1.00, due on January 8, and September 1, or as soon after as convenient."

The justice of such a measure and its value to a local chapter are very obvious. Of the many reasons for such a measure, here are several important ones:

1. A permanent tie is formed between the Fraternity and the men in the field.
2. Such a definite obligation on all establishes the opening wedge for cooperative effort in educational work.
3. It distributes the financial burdens among a larger number of men, each of whom then has a lasting interest, and plays an active part in maintaining the welfare of the Fraternity.
4. It means perfecting and systematizing organization in order to increase the value of the Fraternity to the individual.

Many other reasons for this financial tie can be made, but limited space compels me to present that which California believes to be the central theme back of it. That is to say, this plan solves National finance for them. Financing the National organization is only indirectly a Chapter affair, and directly one in which every member of Phi Delta Kappa should share. If every member paid annual dues of one dollar, and our National Council met biennially, the money problem would be settled forever. Think of our membership which is rapidly increasing beyond fifteen hundred. Together with the other sources of revenue, we can readily see that a surplus would accumulate, the need of which was so evident at the last Council meeting. Delegates' and officers' expenses, directory, national magazine, and other necessary finances would soon become incidental expenditures, easily paid.

How did our proposal appeal to the men in the field? We felt that the success of such an undertaking depended on an almost unanimous approval—and we got it. There was not one dissenting vote registered. Some brothers sent their dues in with their vote. Our plan has met with immediate success. If in the future, our national organization should provide for annual dues from each member, to be collected through the chapter to which the member belongs, California Chapter will be prepared to meet such requirement.

Texas

The Texas Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa has sustained a marked depletion in its membership since last session. It is one of those unique cases, however, in which the loser gains. For the very aim of the order makes active membership a means rather than the end. At least two of the sides of the delta, research, service, leadership—two of the main purposes of the order are best attained by those who take a life long leave of absence on a mission of service and leadership among their fellows. It is hoped

by systematic correspondence to keep research alive also. This noticeable proportion of our former active members are without exception now occupying places of honor and trust in the private and public schools of the state, or have been called to other states to fill places of enlarged opportunity. The unselfish professional spirit of the order is thus permeating and leavening quietly and yet effectively our educational system. This to them is our greeting and "God speed."

The remaining nucleus of members in the Texas chapter are very happy over the wealth of material that presents itself from which to draw new members for the coming year. Registration this year has included a noticeable increase in the number of strong men, many of whom are doing advanced and graduate work in education and many of whom are men of wide experience in educational affairs in Texas and other states. There are also a number of strong young men who have had no teaching experience but who, now in their advanced education courses, are eligible to membership in Phi Delta Kappa.

Twenty-one have already been nominated to membership and others are being considered for recommendation later in the year. It is felt that the addition of these new men will do much to give life and strength to the chapter.

In still a third way there has been much interest manifest among the members due to the first initiation being based on the advance sheets of the new ritual. All are anxiously waiting for the com-

pleted report, wherein an interpretation of the recently adopted coat of arms will appear. As this goes to press the chapter is seriously studying the new provisions of the National Council concerning membership honor keys, finances, etc. Some important adjustments appear to be necessary. Just how these will affect the work is still a problem. Probably others are considering the same matters. We propose a symposium in the next issue of the magazine wherein the views of individuals and chapters on some of these important matters of internal management may be discussed and clarified.

Last and greatest we rejoice in the realization of an official magazine, and bespeak for it a circulation as wide as the membership. Subscription might well in the future be made a consideration of initiation. To all the chapters and individual members we take this opportunity to send greetings and best wishes.

(The correspondent was too modest to give us his name. Please give it next time, Brother Texas.—Ed.)

Washington

Washington Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa has begun its year's work with an active membership of seventeen and an associate membership of four. All of the associate members are on the faculty of the college of education in this university. They are as follows: Dean Frederick E. Bolton, Professor Herbert G. Lull, Assistant Professor David A. Anderson, and Mr. Paul J. Kruse.

Everything points to a very successful year for our chapter. We are peculiarly fortunate in having many members who are teaching in the Seattle schools and in those parts of the Puget Sound country from which Seattle is readily accessible. Many of these men find it convenient to attend the regular meetings of the chapter.

A special committee has been appointed to secure speakers for the regular meetings, which are scheduled for the last Thursday in each month. Addresses

have already been given upon the following topics: "Social Aspects of Education," by Assistant Professor Dallas D. Johnson, and "Vocational Guidance," by Professor Arthur R. Priest, adviser to men of the University of Washington.

The present plans of the chapter provide for two dates for initiation during the year, December 16 and April 27. These dates are only tentative, however, and are subject to change at any time.

The committee on publication has planned to publish two news letters of the chapter during the year, one each semester. To facilitate this work announcements have been mailed to all members in the field, requesting them to communicate with the local secretary. The news letters will be based upon these communications, and it is hoped that all members of the chapter may become acquainted with the problems which individual men in the field are